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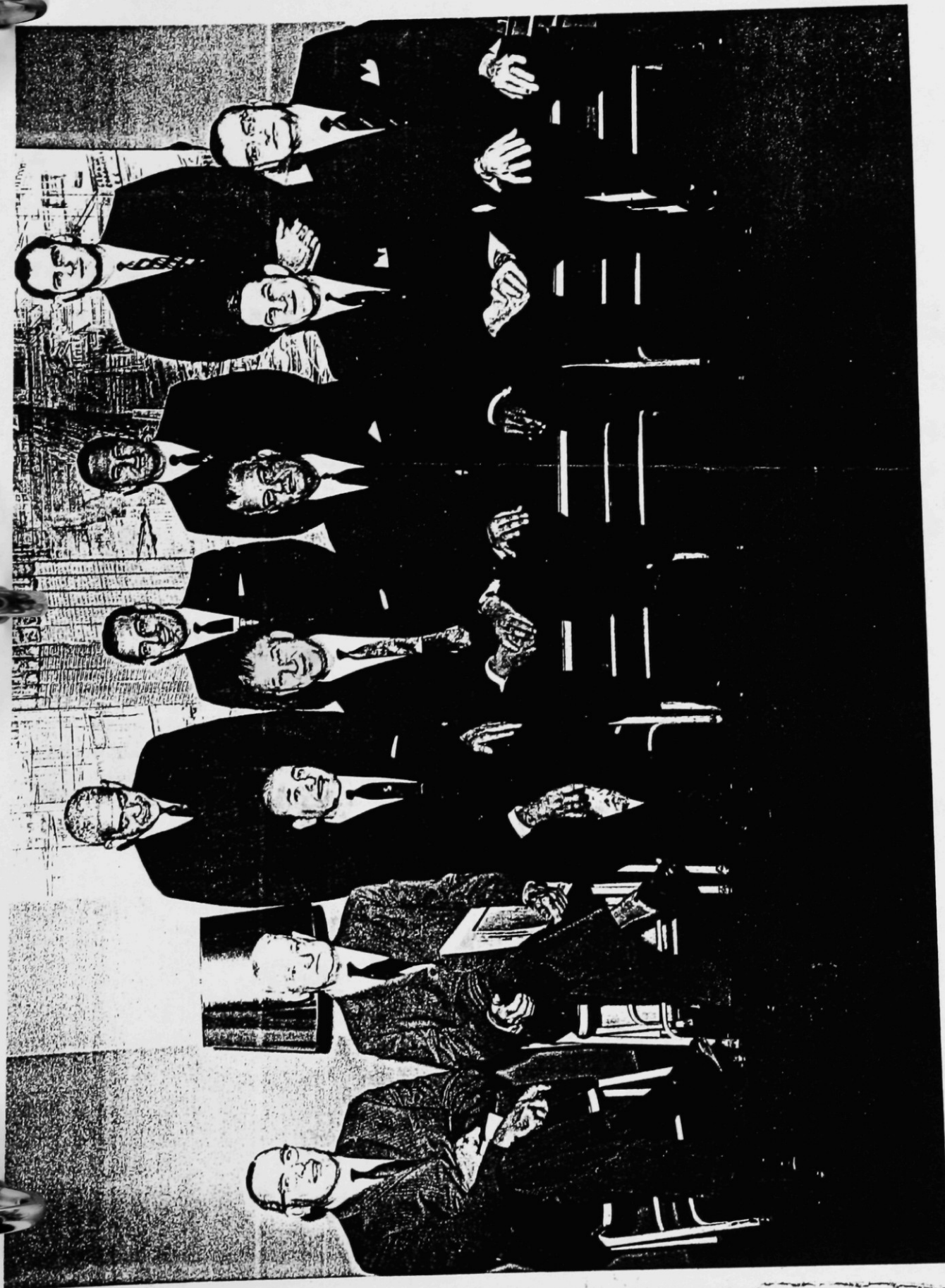
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Seated (left to right): Asahel W. Cooper, Jr., Allen H. Johnness, Mayor Victor H. Schiro, Harry Bloomfield, Lloyd J. Cobb, Herbert Glazer, Allen H. Johnness, Jr.
Standing: Clay Shaw, Henry Sender, Aaron Shankman.

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1Date 12/10/63

NICK PALMISANO, Desk Clerk, Royal Orleans Hotel, Royal and St. Louis Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana, and residing at 521 St. Louis Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, advised, after being exhibited a series of six photographs taken by television station WDSU on August 16, 1963, depicting various persons shown on the sidewalk outside the International Trade Mart Building, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD passed out handbills, that he was not in any of these photographs and does not recall any incident outside the International Trade Mart Building where individuals were passing out handbills.

He stated that he has been in the International Trade Mart Building only once and that was with JAMES LAWRENCE of Cross-Country Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Bloomfield Building Industries, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that at this time he does not recall any incident of individuals passing out handbills in front of this building.

He further advised that he could not identify anyone else in these photographs, although he did state that the individual wearing dark glasses and a business suit, apparently reading one of these handbills, appeared to be JAMES LAWRENCE.

15 This Jack Lawrence
from Dallas Lincoln/Mercury

12/9/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 100-16601

SALE JOHN R. LEE and

Date December 6, 1963

JAMES LAWRENCE, identifying himself as employed as a Leasing Agent of the Cross Country Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Bloomfield Building Industries, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised as follows:

LAWRENCE spent about ten weeks at the New Orleans sub-office of Cross Country Development Corporation, located Room 101 of the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, said period running from July to the middle of October of 1963. He was there to handle leasing arrangements for a new International Trade Mart being constructed by Bloomfield Building Industries.

On a day probably in middle August, exact date not recalled, JAMES LAWRENCE left the Trade Mart building accompanied by Mrs. DOLORES NEELEY, an employee of Bloomfield Building Industries, and he recalls they were followed out of the building by another acquaintance of his, namely NICK PALMISANO, then employed as a Room Clerk at the Royal Orleans Hotel, New Orleans. Upon reaching the sidewalk from the entrance to the building, LAWRENCE recalls several bareheaded young white males who were passing out some sort of printed leaflets. One of these leaflets was given to Mrs. NEELEY, and she started to show it to LAWRENCE, at which time both Mrs. NEELEY and LAWRENCE noted that someone was taking movies of this series of events.

Mrs. NEELEY recognized the photographer as being employed by one of the television stations in New Orleans. LAWRENCE does not recall this man's name, nor the name of the station, but did remember that Mrs. NEELEY asked her television acquaintance as to his purpose in taking the movies and recalls the reply which was to the effect that the photographer did not know, that he had merely been told by his station to hurry to this location to take photographs of action on the sidewalk.

LAWRENCE merely recalled that Mrs. NEELEY told him that the leaflet had something to do about Cuba.

JAMES LAWRENCE was exhibited a series of six photographs taken by Television Station WDSU on August 16, 1963,

On 12/6/63 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1166
by SA JOSEPH H. KEARNEY, JR., and Dallas 89-43
SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE:wp Date dictated 12/6/63

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depicting various persons shown on the sidewalk outside the International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, when LEE HARVEY OSWALD passed out handbills.

LAWRENCE advised that with regard to OSWALD, who is shown definitely in photographs marked by SA LAWRENCE as IV, V, and VI, at the time he did not know OSWALD's identity or purpose, that he had not knowingly ever previously seen OSWALD, and has not knowingly seen him since that time. With regard to the other individuals depicted in photographs IV through VI, LAWRENCE stated that he does not recall knowing any of these individuals other than the person shown in these three photographs as a bareheaded male and wearing a checkered or plaid shirt and who is facing the camera in each pose, believed to be Mr. BRIDGES, Maintenance Superintendent of the International Trade Mart.

With regard to photographs marked by SA LAWRENCE as I through III, JAMES LAWRENCE identified himself as the person marked No. 4 in each of these three photographs, and further identified Mrs. DOLORES NEELEY as the person marked as No. 1 in each of these three photographs, stating that he was unable to identify the persons marked as Nos. 2 and 3 in these photographs. He did point out that standing directly behind Mrs. NEELEY and himself in photographs I through III is a white male having his head bowed and who is depicted as carrying a roll of some type material under his left arm, as being identical with NICK PALMISANO, Room Clerk, Royal Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, who had accompanied Mrs. NEELEY and LAWRENCE out of the Trade Mart a few moments before the photograph was taken. He stated that he is certain in his own mind that PALMISANO had nothing to do with the distribution of the literature and would further feel certain that, if his identification of the Maintenance Superintendent of the Trade Mart, believed by him to be Mr. BRIDGES, is correct, that Mr. BRIDGES would have had nothing to do with the distribution of this literature, and in his opinion would have been merely looking on as an interested or curious spectator.

LAWRENCE stated that he was rather shocked and surprised to see the hereinbefore mentioned six photographs appear on television as a part of a movie taken by an unrecalled New Orleans television station in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the time that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had purportedly passed out pro-Castro Cuban literature. He elaborated that this movie

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Mrs. DELORES ^{K.}NEELEY, secretary, Bloomfield Enterprises, connected with New Orleans Export-Import Exchange, Room 101 International Trade Mart, 124 Camp Street, advised that she recalled an occasion sometime during August, 1963, when she was leaving the International Trade Mart during the noon hour ^{New Orleans} when she happened to observe a friend of hers, JOHANN RUSH ^{L.C.} employed as a photographer for WDSU Television Station standing outside the entrance to 124 Camp Street and asked him what he was doing there. She stated that she also observed that RUSH was taking photographs of two or possibly three persons who were passing out hand bills and also observed that one of these persons was subsequently arrested in connection with the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY and that this person's picture was widely displayed on television. She stated that she also observed a person taller than OSWALD on this occasion assisting him in passing out hand bills but explained that she would be unable to furnish any additional identifying data relative to this person. She advised that she stood with RUSH and observed the activity possibly for almost five minutes before she and RUSH entered the Trade Mart where they had lunch together. She stated that after finishing lunch she and RUSH walked outside and observed that no one was then passing out hand bills at this location.

^{McLCC} She also examined several photographs made available to the FBI by television station WDSU as representing photographs taken of LEE HARVEY OSWALD and others on October 16, 1963 and Mrs. NEELEY picked out photographs of herself, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, JOHN ALICE, and a person whose first name she did not know but whose last name was EHARA. In addition, Mrs. NEELEY stated that she identified one person from among these photographs as JAMES LAWRENCE associated with Cross Country Development Company, 3355 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee as a spectator of the activity on this occasion and explained that the company just named was a subsidiary of Bloomfield Enterprises, a company for which she was employed, and also connected with the New Orleans Export-Import Exchange. She added for information that LAWRENCE would be visiting New Orleans, Louisiana within a two week period and stated that he could be contacted through her office at the International Trade Mart.

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For additional information Mrs. NEELEY stated that while she was personally unable to pick out any additional persons represented in the photographs presented her, she stated that a friend of hers WILLIAM CUSPERT BRADY, one time director of the Pan American Center at New Orleans, Louisiana, and a Cuban who taught at the New Orleans Academy was very familiar with Cuban persons living in the New Orleans area and possibly would be able to furnish information relative to this matter. She stated she knew of no address for BRADY but believes that he lives somewhere on Dauphine Street.

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TO JUNE THIRTY/ SEPT. THIRTEEN TO SEPT. FIFTEEN / OCT SIXTEEN
TO OCT. EIGHTEEN.

NEW YORK REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW JAMES F. PIZZUTO IN
MPT TO OBTAIN FURTHER IDENTIFYING DATA ON EARL PERRY IN
ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ONE OF THE ABOVE REGISTRATIONS
IS THE EARL PERRY PREVIOUSLY IN MARINE CORPS WITH OSWALD.

WILL ALSO INTERVIEW M. T. REGAN OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
AND DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT LEANDEZ AND OSWALD WERE EMPLOYED
BY REGAN.

FORD O/ NEAL /NA/, IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, MISS. HIGHWAY
SAFETY PARTOL, WIGGINS, MISS., LIFELONG RESIDENT, ADVISED
INSTANT, NOT ACQUAINTED ANYONE WIGGINS OR STON COUNTY, MISS.,
IDENTIFIABLE WITH YVES LEANDEZ. O/ NEAL CONTACTED FOLLOWING
OFFICIALS AT WIGGINS, INSTANT, ALL LIFETIME RESIDENTS, NONE
OF WHOM AND ANY REFERENCES TO ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE WITH LEANDEZ.

H. W. PRESTON, SHERIFF OF STONE COUNTY/ MRS. ESTELLE
POWDEN, CLERK, LDE/ MRS. MYRTLE BAKER, POSTMISTRESS/ MRS. JAMES
ALFORD, CREDIT BUREAU OF WIGGINS.

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